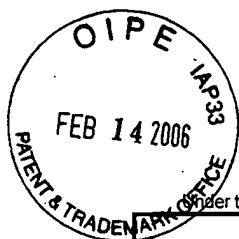


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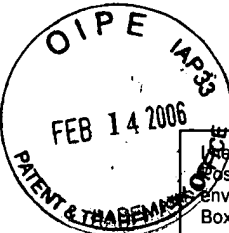
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There are no amendments to the specification or drawings.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

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